

# TEENAGERS PUT THE QUESTIONS

CRESSIDA GAITSKELL, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, makes her radio debut this week. She is one of the teenage panel in Peter Haigh's new quiz programme, *Let's Find Out*, beginning in the Light this Thursday.

Her companions are Charles Posner (16) of Golders Green, London, who is still at school, 17-year-old schoolgirl Heather Johnson of Wicken, Bonhurst, Essex, and 18-year-old Barrie Wood, of Stepney, London, who works in an insurance office.

The young people were chosen after lengthy auditions. Each week the panel, which may be changed slightly from time to time, will put questions to two distinguished personalities about the work they do. "On the spot" in the first programme will be

Professor A. C. B. Lovell, Director of the Jodrell Bank Experimental Station, and Ngaio Marsh, the celebrated crime novelist.

Peter Haigh, who acts as chairman, had the idea for the series two years ago. "Adult viewers and listeners have the *Brains Trust*," he said. "I felt there ought to be a similar programme for the teenager."

## Girl in a hundred

If you watch television in East Anglia you have now probably met "the girl in a hundred." She is 20-year-old Valerie Oldfield, chosen as woman announcer, mainly for children's programmes, from among 100 applicants.

Valerie was a secretary in Anglia Television's Norwich offices. In the final audition, which was narrowed down to 22, she was the only member of Anglia staff still in the running.



**PROGRAMMES and PEOPLE on TV and RADIO**  
by Ernest Thomson

## Wilfred Pickles dresses the part

MEN of British Railways' locomotive power depot in York have helped to fit out Wilfred Pickles with the right clothes for a television part as an engine driver. This is for a B.B.C. play on 2nd August, *Someone To Talk To*, specially written for Wilfred by a Peterborough schoolmaster, John Hynam.

Wilfred was so anxious to "look right" that he got in touch with the railway authorities. They have found him a kit which has been well-used by an actual driver. It includes a driver's tea can and "bait tin" (as Yorkshire drivers call their lunch tin), and the sponge cloth for wiping oil off his hands.

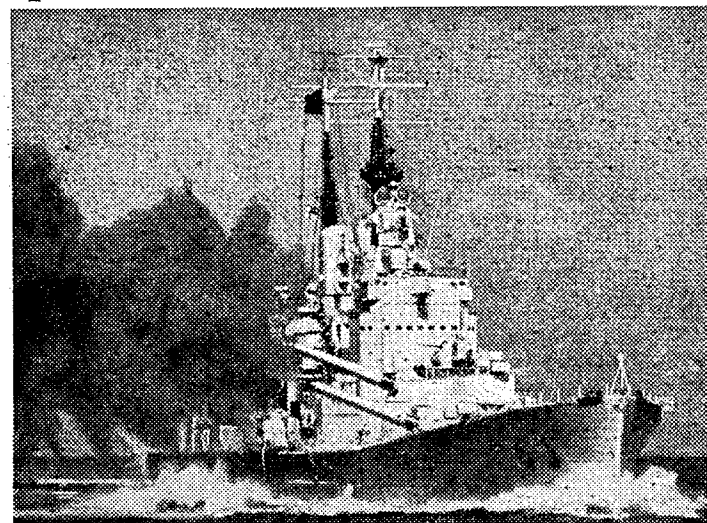
# Battleships in action

FROM the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth until five or six years ago the battleship was the pride of the Royal Navy. Now it has yielded pride of place to the aircraft carrier. *Vanguard*, Britain's last and greatest battleship, which never fired a shot in anger, will soon go to the breaker's yard.

The story of the battleship is to be told in a stirring programme to be shown on B.B.C. television on Friday.

Viewers will see film of battleships in action. Peter Stone, who directs the programme, has collected exciting sequences from British, German, and American sources. We can see *Warspite* at Narvik, the *Bismarck* action, the attack on *Tirpitz*, the loss of *Barham*, *Scharnhorst's* escape up the Channel, and the battle of Midway Island, between the U.S. fleet and the Japanese.

One of the speakers will be



A salvo from the Vanguard

By courtesy of the Admiralty

Admiral of the Fleet Sir George World War II. He knows *Vanguard* well; he flew his flag in her as C-in-C. Portsmouth.

## Training a guard dog

THE Airedale, Dobermann, and Labrador are all good guard dogs, but why is the Alsatian prized for this work above them all? The answer comes out in B.B.C. television this Wednesday in the first of a new *Good Companions* series.

The film cameras paid a visit to the Glasgow Police Force to see how dogs and horses are trained.

The demonstration includes a dog chasing a criminal in a river and another working with the crew of a squad car.

We can also watch police horses helping to control crowds, and a demonstration of how they are schooled to resist noise and the pressure of a big crowd.

## MISPLACED COMMA EARNS ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP

A PRINTER'S reader spots a comma in the wrong place. It saves his boss, a publisher, from being faced with a libel action and perhaps the loss of a lot of money. The publisher is so grateful that he rewards the reader with a trip round the world.

The reader is Hiram Holliday, and he is the hero of a new daily film series beginning in B.B.C. TV at 6.50 p.m. next Tuesday. Hiram is played by Wally Cox, a well-known American television actor and sportsman.

Hiram's adventures rival those of Phileas Fogg in Jules Verne's *Around The World in Eighty Days*. Because Hiram is a proof-

reader, his knowledge is encyclopedic. He is able to cope with the most taxing situations. He can best a master swordsman, surprise a champion wrestler with vice-like holds, subdue water-front thugs with a few quick judo tricks, and even tame a snarling lion.

## Chance for Home Grown talent

YOUNG people carried off most of the prizes in Southern Television's recent *Home Grown* regional talent show. This should be a fine incentive for teenagers who fancy their chances in the next series. Programme Controller Roy Rich will begin auditions in August. Applications for auditions should be in before next Saturday, 30th July, addressed to *Home Grown*, Southern Television, Northam, Southampton.

The first prize of £100 for the third series was won this July by a group of youngsters, mostly from Sittingbourne, Kent, calling themselves the Tuxedo Jazz Band. With the money they are buying themselves new uniforms—tuxedos, of course. The second prize was won by the Ramsgate Junior Accordion Band, whose average age is only 14.

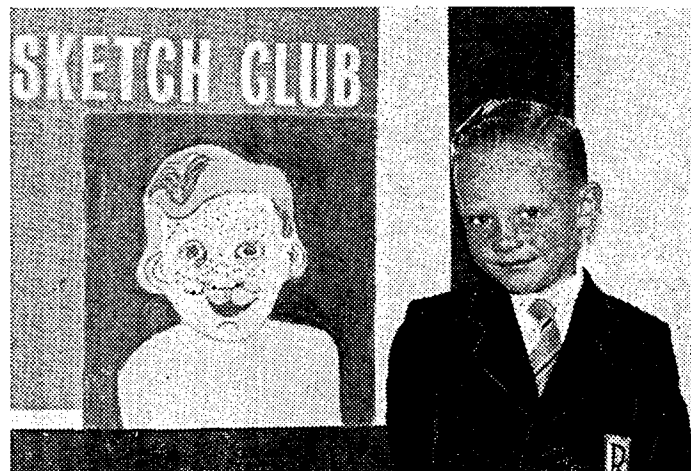
## 700 singers on your screen

How many singers can be got on the TV screen at once? Seven hundred must be a record! That is the claim made by T.W.W. (South Wales and West of England I.T.V.) for *Hymns Of Praise*, the programme they are offering their viewers on Sunday, 7th August. This is an outside broadcast video-taped recently at Llanelly. Welsh hymns were sung by the 700 members of 14 choirs.

## Sketch Club on show in airline office

BETWEEN now and Saturday, Londoners have a chance to see the B.B.C. Sketch Club exhibition on view at the Piccadilly gallery of Qantas, the Australian Overseas Airline. The display was opened earlier this month by Mr. Owen Reed, head of B.B.C. Junior TV.

By visiting the show you can also get an insight into the workings of this famous airline. Qantas has set up exhibition centres in many parts of the world for showing paintings, photographs, and architectural designs associated with the countries which it serves.



Seven-year-old Michael Peacock of Sanderstead, Surrey, with his self-portrait which is in the Sketch Club exhibition.

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